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Dir Sirs,

As a hard-working American taxpayer that fully supports your efforts to combat terrorism, I must say that I am dismayed by the "slap on the wrist" action seemingly being handed down to Microsoft for, in my opinion, one of the most grievous monopoly abuses in United States history. I feel that if Microsoft is allowed to maintain its dominate market position and extend its market domination into even more of the new markets that are just now blossoming in this information age, the results will be catastrophic. If Microsoft is indeed allowed to keep its monopoly control over the desktop PC market, and stifle its competition, then Microsoft is no longer in competition in the IT market, and hence, its source code for the Windows operating system should be made public domain. If Linux platforms like RedHat and SUSE can make a profit while releasing their source, microsoft should be able to as well. In any event, OEM distributors of the various Windows platforms should have as much freedom as possible in being able to modify/change the operating system to better tailor the operating systems to their PCs.

I have faith that you really will take the consumer into account instead of paying lip service to US (the US people). If Microsoft gets a slap on the wrist then it will become self-evident that this is no longer the land of the free and the home of the brave, but the land of the greed and the home of the slave. I pray to the Lord you at the DOJ do what is right for the people, instead of being a whore for the corporate special interests.

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